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PURPOSE: Offer neutral commentary, advice, or a suggestion  
TOPIC: Science or Technology  
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen  
SUBJECT: GM foods - labeling

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Dear President Clinton,

I would like to call to your attention the current events with STARLINK genetically modified corn, approved only for animal feed, which has now been found by the FDA in taco shells meant for human consumption. It is possible that other corn products such as chips and cereals contain this corn as well.

I oppose genetically modified foods in any form. I have researched the reference material published in many of the scientific journals. I must conclude that there has NOT been enough research to determine that these alterations will have no negative impact either on humans or the environment. History is littered with examples of unintended consequences of actions taken with the best of intentions. It has already

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been shown that plants surrounding test fields take on some of the genetically modified characteristics. Environmental impacts are unavoidable given the adaptability of nature.

Additionally, we do not have the legal or mechanical infrastructure in place which would be necessary to manage these genetically modified crops. The inclusion of corn meant for animal feed only into food supply meant for people - food which the FDA clearly stated should not be used for people due to negative responses of fever, rashes, allergic reactions, etc - clearly demonstrates that we are not able to manage these crops.

I ask you to support strict regulations controlling the approval and control of genetically modified foods. Most importantly, I ask you to support a requirement for labeling of foods which contain genetically modified foods. I may not be able to prevent farmers from growing it, but I demand to be able to choose not to buy it. Many consumers do not want these foods. These crops have been developed for the convenience of farmers and pesticide companies. I do not want to eat them. I buy organic foods whenever possible, and I buy food products which have labels on them assuring that they are GM free. Please support the consumer's right to eat only food that is proven to be safe. Support labeling. In the brief time you have left as president, you have an opportunity to be a leader in this important issue and I ask you to take that challenge. Make this part of your legacy to our country.

Sincerely,  
Karen Allen